



Deepwater Horizon Incident
Gulf of Mexico
REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR BULLETS
July 15, 2010 1500 hrs

- EPA field operations could be impacted in the afternoon of 7/15 by inclement weather (thunderstorms), specifically in the Venice area.
- Due to thunderstorms and inclement weather, the Aerostat dioxin sampling operations could be terminated prematurely. One of the two vessels (the Jamie Gee) will return to port late on 7/15. Unless weather conditions improve, which are preventing burning operations; the remaining boat, crew, and equipment will return to port on 7/16. Adequate sample volume was not collected and sampling activities are not scheduled to resume once the boats return to port.
- Pressure testing of the capped riser is commencing in the afternoon of 7/15.
- UC (Houma) has directed the Aerial Dispersant Group to demobilize three (3) C-130 aircraft from the Stennis Staging Base, since this level of capability is not currently needed and will not be needed as the oil release rate continues to be reduced. The demobilization of the spray aircraft and spray systems should include support equipment, personnel, and decontamination of spray systems, including spotter aircraft and personnel.
- A plan to decontaminate and demobilize UC equipment for skimming operations is in place in preparation for a successful reduction of oil released from the DWH well.
- EPA (Houma) participated in a tour of the Grand Isle waste staging area and beach clean-up operations with LDEQ, an EPA HQ Representative and representatives from NGOs (Sierra Club, Louisiana Restoration Network, and Bisco). Safety equipment (hard hats, safety glasses, etc.) were provided for the representatives to wear during the tour. Additional information on waste volumes and analytical data was requested from EPA and LDEQ. BP is currently preparing a website detailing volumes, waste types, and staging areas for public viewing. EPA and BP analytical waste data will be available early next week. Additional specifics for data formatting and deliverables are detailed in the Waste Directive.
- The Waste Directive, with incorporated comments from EPA HQ and Regions 4 and 6, was submitted to UC on 7/14. UC will provide the Directive to BP for comment.
- A PRFA Amendment that requested the addition of \$1.7 Million and the tasking for additional shoreline assessment activities (including toxicity testing and additional chemical analysis for water and sediment) was submitted for UC review and approval on 7/14.
- Region 6's total Pollution Removal Funding Authorization to date is \$24,344,129, however \$2,823,506 is set aside as an Indirect Rate charge and is not available for spending. Of the \$21,520,623 available to EPA for current spending, Region 6 has spent an estimated \$14,583,011 (payroll, travel, and contracts). Another \$4,536,103 has been obligated on contracts, but not spent. As of today, \$2,401,509 remains as un-obligated funds.

- The current Region 6 PRFA expires on Wednesday July 31, 2010.